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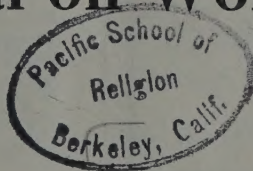
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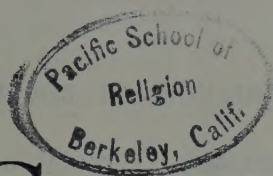
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THE EDITORIAL OUTLOOK

Prayer on Entering Church

HEAT AND burden of the day
Help us, Lord, to put away.
Let no crowding, fretting cares
Keep earth-bound our spirits' prayers.
Carping criticism take
From our hearts for Jesus' sake,
In this little hour that we
Spend in fellowship with Thee.
Search us, keenly, Lord, we pray,
Lest we leave Thy house today
Through our stubbornness unfed—
By the true and living bread—
Lest we know not that we thirst.
Selfishness that we have nursed
Through the years, O blessed Lord—
Smite it with Thy two-edged sword.
Make us over! Make us kind.
Let no lonely stranger find
Lack of friendly handclasp, or
Pass unwelcomed through the door.
Let the whole week sweeter be
For this hour we spend with Thee!

BERTHA GERNEAUX WOODS

An Epoch-Making Connecticut Union

ALTHOUGH THERE WAS no ringing of bells nor heralding of publicity, December 2-3, 1932, was a notable date in the history of coöperative Protestantism. At that time, the movement for Christian unity in community and state service moved up to a new level for, in the city of New Haven, "the Connecticut Council of Churches and Religious Education," a combination of two hitherto separate organizations, became a living unit, the first of its kind in the United States.

The happy outcome was the result, not of

any artificial plan promulgated by any individual or group, but of steady growth through many years. Back in the days when the Church and the Sunday school were more or less independent of each other, it was natural that the coöperative impulse should express itself in both fields and result in a federation of churches and also in a council of religious education. When, however, religious education came to be a vital work of the Church itself, it was inevitable that the time should come when the coöperative agencies representing the two different interests should come together, first in local communities, and then in the state as a whole.

Religious education establishes the basis for evangelism, for social service, for right racial and international relationships—for every task of the Church. What are thus joined together by the tie of common service ought not to be kept asunder—and Connecticut has shown that they need not be. The program for the closing session was appropriately framed in the language of a wedding feast and the closing address by Dr. Hugh S. Magill, General Secretary of the International Council of Religious Education, was upon the appropriate theme, "Our Extended Opportunity for Service through Union."

Peace with Justice in the Far East

THAT PEACE WITH justice may be restored in the Far East is the prayer of all thoughtful Christian people. For fifteen months the sword has cast its shadow over the peoples of China and Japan.

The world debate on Manchuria is now in progress. "The issue," as the Earl of Lytton wisely says, "is a much larger one than whether

China or Japan shall control the future destinies of Manchuria. It is whether the principles of collective responsibility and the maintenance of peace and justice between nations shall be preserved or sacrificed."

Our hopes for the restoration of amicable relations between China and Japan are associated, therefore, with a much larger hope that out of the negotiations now in progress provisions will be made for the permanent correction of many of the political and economic maladjustments out of which the present crisis emerged. Japan's and Asia's extreme financial stress has been aggravated, in part at least, by the excessively high tariff policies of the industrial nations of the West. There is also a population problem in the Far East—particularly acute in Japan. About the only reaction that the Western nations have registered with respect to this burning issue has been the exclusion of Asiatics from their own shores. Moreover, what has happened in Manchuria has happened many times in other places, the aggressors being the very nations that now criticize Japan.

We should like to see the solution of the Far Eastern question premised upon a set of principles that would serve as a lasting and effective restraint upon the imperialistic policies of all nations, great and small. We should like to see, too, a solution to the Manchurian question that would remove the bitterness in the hearts of the Japanese and Chinese people toward the aggressively pursued "white supremacy" policy of Occidental nations. We further hope that the appeal to the League of Nations, the Peace Pact, and the Nine-Power Treaty will not be interpreted as congealing for all time all the economic, political, and racial injustices that are involved in the entire status quo.

*A Message to the Churches In a Time of Crisis**

THE FEDERAL COUNCIL of Churches rejoices to herald the "good news" of the Christian Gospel as the one uplifting force adequate to meet present and widespread human need. It believes that such a Gospel is neither threadbare nor unrelated to the issues of modern life. Vital and vigorous Christianity is most crucially needed in times of economic,

moral, and spiritual disintegration, and never more so than now. The Christian Gospel, issuing from the eternal God through the life, death, and resurrection of the Holy One whose name it bears, has won its way through the centuries, not alone in the face of appalling need, but as the one sufficient remedy for the ills of mankind.

The present breakdown of our highly organized life, the Council believes, is supremely moral and spiritual. Recovery and continuing progress will not arise out of the forms of our institutions but from the character and spirit of our people. Every aspect of present world distress is a finger-post pointing to individual motives, attitudes, and practices which have not been brought and kept under the domination of the Spirit of God revealed in Jesus Christ, and which, in turn, have not been accompanied by socially just and unselfish attitudes toward others.

The Federal Council has no message to utter in behalf of any other Gospel than that which first deals with the renewal of individual life by the power of God. It believes that the earnest, persuasive, and contagious proclamation of that Gospel, by witnessing word and confirming deed, continues to be the primary obligation of the Christian Church.

The Council is equally convinced that, while the Gospel must first be lodged in the heart of the individual as a transforming power, it cannot be confined there but must be fearlessly applied to all the complicated relationships which comprise the range of modern life.

The Council is moved to a sense of sorrow akin to shame as it faces the tragically un-Christian character of so much of our modern life. In many cases we have only substituted one form of paganism for another. Suspicion, fear, malice, lust, and greed, we have discovered, may be as mightily malignant in the midst of unparalleled scientific and material prosperity as they ever were among primitive peoples.

Economic exploitation, wherein the acquisitive instinct has not alone outstripped but submerged the sense of social responsibility, is bearing and eating its own bitter fruit today. It is cold comfort to realize that the exploiter is so largely suffering under the same weight of distress as that which has crushed the victims of his rapacity. Corporate greed has wrought its commensurate consequences of corporate woe. By far the deadliest damage, too, has been done to the soul and spirit of our people

*The "Message to the Churches," issued by the Quadrennial Meeting of the Federal Council, Indianapolis, December 6-9, is such a vivid reflection of the spirit and outlook of the gathering that it is printed here, in necessarily abbreviated form, as an editorial interpretation of the Council's position.

in the loss of initiative and outlook, courage and self-respect.

There are, however, cheering signs in the sky. For one thing, the youth of the land, and notably the sons and daughters of the Church, are ready for some clear word of truth. They merit confidence and they deserve our understanding and coöperation. They are not liabilities but assets in the reckoning of the true wealth of the Church and the nation.

Another aspect of hope in the present situation is the character displayed by multitudes of our people during the dark days of adversity. Not alone has violence been noticeably absent from the desperate struggle for shelter and subsistence, but fortitude and courage of an amazing sort have been in widespread evidence.

In the field of conflict with the liquor traffic, there is a consensus of Christian opinion that unless some adequate form of federal control is retained, in the face of threatened changes in our basic law (which changes should be resisted) the nation will be plunged into intolerable confusion and distress. The Church must undertake, with every resource at its disposal, vital education concerning the habit-forming nature and the evil effects of alcohol. . . .

To be re-Christianized itself, root and branch, in principles, policies, and procedure, in every phase and form of its organized life and in the secret places of its own inner experiences of reality, is the solemn necessity confronting Christianity today. To penitence and prayer and to an engrossing purpose and passion to make ourselves worthy of our place in the world and in the plan of God by Christ-like understanding and service let us in all high conscience devote ourselves.

The City Church Takes a Self-Examination

FROM THE REMARKABLE conference on "The City and the Church in the Present Crisis," held in Chicago, November 29-December 2, several clear impressions come. First, there is a growing body of factual material, generally too little known, upon which church leaders may depend in trying to understand the chaotic and tangled life of great cities. Causes and effects of various social changes affecting church life have been scientifically studied. If the needs revealed by these analyses are taken with due seriousness, church programs of the future will increasingly depart

from certain traditional forms and will follow more adventuresome lines. While there is already a greater body of factual material than is being utilized, there is need for still more studies in most cities to enlighten the minds and stir the imaginations of those responsible for city church work.

In the second place, those attending the Chicago conference showed a heartening readiness to follow the inevitable logic of the facts and to make the necessary adjustments. When business men and labor union officials were shown in some cities to be seeking special privileges by unholy alliances with gangsters, the conference had the honesty and courage to declare, "We urge that the churches and their clergy begin by disentangling themselves from the evils of the system of special privileges by refusing to accept favors or emoluments which might lessen their influence or silence their voices in matters of public righteousness."

A third impression is that the seriousness of the situation emphasizes the necessity of coöperation on the part of all churches. No denomination alone is equal to the baffling task of the urban church—all should join in forming a city board of strategy. It will not be sufficient for such a board to act merely in an advisory capacity in matters of dispute—it should be constantly studying conditions, should be given power to take the initiative in outlining a well-planned church program for the city, and should be expected to insist that the comprehensive plans for the city as a whole are carried out in hearty coöperation by the various denominational groups.

A fourth impression was that the problems of individuals upon whom modern conditions weigh heavily make it necessary for pastors to give larger blocks of time to the ministry of personal counselling. The present day calls for special preparation to meet these needs—more preparation than most ministers have—but they were urged to remember the resources of the community, and enlist as aids the teachers, psychiatrists, sociologists, physicians, lawyers, and others, whose technical assistance is valuable.

Finally, there was a recognition that, in facing all these complex problems, the minister must somehow provide sufficient opportunities in his own life for those periods of prayer and meditation and cultivation of the spirit without which his life becomes shallow and resourceless.

Church Federation Advances to New Stage

THE QUADRENNIAL MEETING of the Federal Council of Churches, held in Indianapolis from December 6 to 9, was described by many of its members as one of the most important meetings since its organization in 1908. One discerning observer remarked, "Certainly not since 1920, when the Council girded itself for new tasks made inevitable by the collapse of the Inter-church World Movement, has the Council advanced to such a new stage as that indicated at Indianapolis."

REORGANIZATION

The chief thing that made this meeting significant was the reorganization of the structure of the Council in the interest of relating it still more closely to the constituent denominations and making it more directly responsible to them. This reorganization, as worked out by the large Committee on Function and Structure during its study of four years under the chairmanship of President George W. Richards, is marked by the following main features:

1. Henceforth the Council is to meet every two years, instead of every four. This change is designed to secure a closer oversight and a larger exercise of responsibility by the official representatives of the denominations. The size of the Council is slightly reduced, each denomination now being entitled to three members with an additional member for every 100,000 of its communicants.
2. The Executive Committee and the Administrative Committee are combined into one body, to be known as the Executive Committee, which is to meet monthly except when it votes otherwise. On the Executive Committee each denomination is entitled to two members, with an additional member for every 500,000 of its communicants after the first 500,000.
3. All members, both of the Council and of the Executive Committee, are to be named directly by the denominations.
4. The many commissions and committees are reorganized into eight major departments—Field, Evangelism, Research and Education, Social Service, Race Relations, International Justice and Goodwill, Relations with Churches Abroad, Radio. There is to be also a Committee on Worship, which is expected later to develop into a department.
5. All departments and committees are to be under the direction of the Executive Committee and their members are to be appointed by it.

The Committee on Function and Structure had recommended another amendment to the Constitution which would empower the Council "to administer for any of the constituent bodies such activities as they may commit to it and as the Council may accept." On

this proposal to authorize the Council to perform delegated administrative functions—in addition to being an advisory, educational, and coördinating body—there was sharp debate. An informal vote showed a majority in its favor but it was felt unwise to adopt a change of such far-reaching possibilities without substantial unanimity and it was accordingly agreed to defer final decision till the next meeting of the Council.

NEW SOCIAL IDEALS

The second chief center of interest was the draft of revised "Social Ideals" submitted by a special committee that had been studying the subject since the last quadrennial meeting held in Rochester in 1928. The new statement was received with high appreciation, all the more so because submitted by Dr. Frank Mason North, who had presented the original "Social Ideals" (or "Social Creed," as often popularly called) at the first meeting of the Council in 1908.

The new "Social Ideals," like the original, deals primarily with the meaning of the Christian Gospel for our economic and industrial life, but adds sections on problems of race, world peace, rural life, and the family.

The one part of the "Social Ideals" which evoked pronounced difference of views was the section on Marriage and the Home, and more particularly the sentences which suggested that the protection of both parents and children requires the repeal of laws "which prohibit the communication of information about birth control by physicians and other qualified persons." It was finally agreed that instead of making any declaration on this subject it should be referred to the Executive Committee for further study and report at the next meeting of the Council in 1934. The constituent denominations were also invited to make a similar dispassionate study and to report any findings to the Executive Committee for its information and guidance.

Stirring addresses on world peace by Dr. C. C. Morrison and President Mary E. Woolley; on the educational strategy of the Church in fighting the liquor traffic by Prof. Alva W. Taylor; on justice for the farmer by Prof. Arthur E. Holt; and on race relations by Miss Louise Young, further focussed the Christian conscience on some of the acute social problems.

RE-EMPHASIS ON PERSONAL RELIGION

The concern for a fuller acceptance of Christian social responsibilities went hand in hand with, and was obviously rooted in, a controlling conviction as to the basic necessity of personal religion and Christian faith. This expressed itself most definitely in the attention given to evangelism. No meeting of the Council has ever dealt more trenchantly with this question. No

fewer than five speakers addressed themselves to it. President J. Ross Stevenson, analyzing what we may learn from the group known as the "First Century Christian Fellowship," held that the emphasis on religion as personal relation with a supernatural God revealed in Jesus Christ, on the sharing of Christian experience, and on Divine guidance, should characterize the entire Church. Dr. Ivan Lee Holt insisted that there is no real solution of social problems without a far greater sense of the reality of God and of the working of his Spirit in the individual life. President Albert W. Beaven held that to "preach Christ" is not less but more imperative in the complex and baffling world in which we now live. Dr. Fred B. Fisher appealed for "an adequate Gospel for an age of confusion." Dr. Robert E. Speer testified with impressive convincingness to the finality and universality of Christ and His Gospel.

The recognition of the central place of worship further intensified the emphasis on personal religion. The impressive periods of worship led by Dr. Oscar E. Maurer each noonday were an unforgettable embodiment of what can be done to cultivate an awareness of the presence of God. In many respects Dr. J. Finley Williamson's interpretation of the place of music in worship, illustrated by the singing of the young people's choir of forty voices from the First Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis, marked the highest point of inspiration. "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" was sung with a meaning and a sense of reality which few had ever experienced in it before.

The "Message to the Churches," sent out by the Council, combined in a happy way the accent on personal religion and the passion for its effective expression in all social relationships. It was permeated throughout by an evangelistic spirit and spiritual vision and at the same time fearlessly set forth the need for a social and economic order according to the mind of Christ. No one could listen to it and go away feeling that the Council is committed to a one-sided Gospel.

The farewell address of Bishop McConnell as president of the Council dealt with the place of the Council in the movement for a larger Christian unity. In his incisive way he made it clear that although the Council does not deal directly with church union it is fostering the conditions of fellowship, of understanding, and of coöperative service out of which union may naturally come. "If we keep going steadily in this direction," he said, "we shall eventually discover that we *have* union and do not have to *create* it; all that will be necessary will be to ratify something that has come into being without artificial promotion."

Dr. H. Paul Douglass brought the question sharply down to the issue of the actual policies of churches in local communities.

Dr. William R. King and Dr. Hugh S. Magill pointed out the promising possibilities of a united approach to

the local community on the part of the Federal Council, the Home Missions Council, and the International Council of Religious Education.

Others expanded the horizon of unity till nothing less than a world-wide fellowship in Christ seemed adequate. Dr. A. R. Kepler, as an ambassador from the Church of Christ in China, described that new body, made up of sixteen different denominational groups, as an "adventure in unity." Prof. F. Siegmund-Schultze of Berlin and Dr. Adolf Keller of Geneva gave heartening reports of the practical working unity of the churches throughout the world, and especially in Europe, that is being developed through the Universal Christian Council for Life and Work.

Still another advanced step was the extending of an invitation to the United Church of Canada to enter into some form of coöperation with the Council, the detailed arrangement to be worked out in conference.

Of far deeper significance than the discussions of coöperation and unity was the living embodiment of unity that the Council itself was. Though its members held different views on many points, one was always conscious that they possessed "the unity of the spirit."

NOTABLE CONFERENCES ON EVANGELISM

The Federal Council's Department of Evangelism has decided to hold its Annual Conference in Pittsburgh, April 19-21. For eight years these annual gatherings have been held at Northfield, Mass. While reluctant to move the Conference from this beautiful and appropriate place, the Commission has felt increasingly that Northfield was so far from the geographical center as to make it difficult for many leaders to attend. The fact that clergy rates are not available on New England railroads also made the Northfield meeting expensive. Pittsburgh has the advantage of being very central.

It is the plan of the Program Committee, of which William Hiram Foulkes of Newark, N. J., is Chairman, to increase the attendance and make the meeting the occasion for developing an effective coördinated program of evangelism for the year.

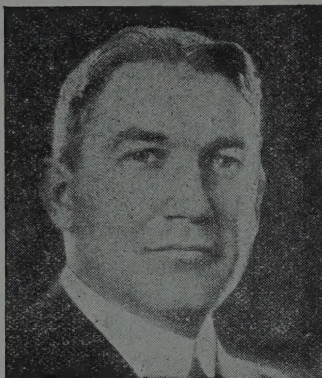
On January 16, the Federal Council's Department of Evangelism will begin a week's tour of coöperative visitations. The cities to be visited are Kansas City, Jan. 16; St. Joseph and Des Moines, Jan. 17; Lincoln and Topeka, Jan. 18; Denver, Jan. 19; and Colorado Springs and Pueblo, Jan. 20.

In Topeka and Lincoln, the State Convocations of Ministers will be in session. The representatives of the Commission will provide the program for the Wednesday morning session in both cities. Ten men from as many communions will make up the team this year. Dr. Jesse M. Bader, the Federal Council's Field Secretary for Evangelism, is the leader of the group.

Dr. Beaven New President of Council

Dr. Mudge, Vice-President

AT THE Quadrennial Meeting of the Federal Council of Churches, held in Indianapolis, December 6-9, Dr. Albert W. Beaven, of Rochester, N. Y., distinguished President of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, was elected President of the Council. At the same time, Dr. Lewis S. Mudge, of Philadelphia, Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian General Assembly, was elected Vice-President.



DR. ALBERT W. BEAVEN

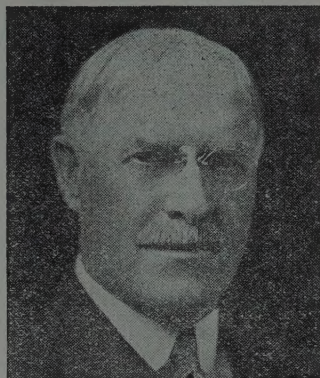
Evangelical in spirit, gracious in personality, social and international in outlook, Dr. Beaven, as a presiding officer at Indianapolis, won the confidence of all. He is one of the foremost leaders among the American Baptists. He was President of the Northern Baptist Convention, 1930-31; he was recently elected to the presidency of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. President of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School since 1929, he had been Chairman of its Board of Trustees for six years previously.

Dr. Beaven's chief distinction, however, is as a pastor. For twenty years he was pastor of the Lake Avenue Baptist Church of Rochester, which, as a result of his exceptional capacity for pastoral leadership, is generally regarded as one of the most efficiently organized churches in the country.

Dr. Beaven's interest and work reach far beyond Baptist circles. Because of his intense interest in the development of inter-church coöperation, he has been President of the Rochester, N. Y., Federation of Churches, and also of the New York State Council of Churches during the past year.

The new President of the Federal Council is also popular as a college and university preacher. He holds the degree of Doctor of Divinity from the University of Rochester, and the degree of Doctor of Laws from Hillsdale College.

Rev. Lewis Seymour Mudge, of Philadelphia, the new Vice-President of the Federal Council, is the chief executive officer of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. As Stated Clerk of its General Assembly, a position which he has held since 1921, he is at the center of its organized national life. The acceptability with which he has filled this post was indicated by his being elected Moderator of the Assembly, the highest honor



DR. LEWIS S. MUDGE

in the gift of the Presbyterian denomination, for 1931-32. During his earlier ministry, Dr. Mudge filled leading Presbyterian pastorates in Beverly, N. J.; Trenton, N. J.; Lancaster, Pa.; and Harrisburg, Pa. Dr. Mudge is a trustee of Princeton Theological Seminary and Wilson College. Franklin and Marshall College conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity, and Lafayette conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws.

The office of the Vice-President is a new one in the Federal Council of Churches, established in connection with the reorganization adopted at the Indianapolis meeting. The President and new Vice-President are also to serve as the presiding officers of the Executive Committee.

Rev. Rivington D. Lord, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is the only officer of the Federal Council who has served it continuously without a break since its creation in 1908. Elected the Recording Secretary of the Council at its very first meeting in Philadelphia in 1908, re-elected at every subsequent meeting, he was re-elected once more at Indianapolis.

Frank H. Mann, re-elected Treasurer of the Federal Council, is a Virginian by birth whose life is characterized by a combination of philanthropic interest, religious spirit, and business. He is now President of the Union Guarantee and Mortgage Company.

A MESSAGE FROM THE WHITE HOUSE

My dear Bishop McDowell:

I will be obliged if you will convey to the meeting (in Indianapolis) the assurance of my very high regard for the Federal Council and its purposes in our life. I especially appreciate and commend the wise and hearty coöperation on the part of the churches in the promotion of social service, better relations, and the creation of that spiritual and ethical tone so absolutely essential to our life as a people. Yours faithfully,

(Signed) HERBERT HOOVER.

NEW STATEMENT OF SOCIAL IDEALS

A NEW STATEMENT of "Social Ideals of the Churches," unanimously approved by the recent Quadrennial Meeting of the Federal Council, now takes the place of the so-called "Social Creed" which has been a classic since 1908. The statement is divided into four sections: 1. an historical statement, covering the period of the last twenty-four years; 2. an analysis of "The Social Order and the Good Life," which is an extended discussion of Christian principles as applied to economic relations, industrial relations, gambling and speculation, the rural problem, marriage and the home, race relations, international relations and the method by which the Christian ideal is to be realized; 3. a condensed summary of the revised "Social Ideals" in seventeen articles; 4. an appeal for "A New Age of Faith."

The seventeen articles summarizing the general positions taken in the document as a whole are as follows:

"The Churches Should Stand For

"1. Practical application of the Christian principle of social well-being to the acquisition and use of wealth, subordination of speculation and the profit motive to the creative and coöperative spirit.

"2. Social planning and control of the credit and monetary systems and the economic processes for the common good.

"3. The right of all to the opportunity for self-maintenance; a wider and fairer distribution of wealth; a living wage, as a minimum, and above this a just share for the worker in the product of industry and agriculture.

"4. Safeguarding of all workers, urban and rural, against harmful conditions of labor and occupational injury and disease.

"5. Social insurance against sickness, accident, want in old age and unemployment.

"6. Reduction of hours of labor as the general productivity of industry increases; release from employment at least one day in seven, with a shorter working week in prospect.

"7. Such special regulation of the conditions of work of women as shall safeguard their welfare and that of the family and the community.

"8. The right of employees and employers alike to organize for collective bargaining and social action; protection of both in the exercise of this right; the obligation of both to work for the public good; encouragement of coöperatives and other organizations among farmers and other groups.

"9. Abolition of child labor; adequate provision for the protection, education, spiritual nurture and wholesome recreation of every child.

"10. Protection of the family by the single standard of purity; educational preparation for marriage, home-making and parenthood.

"11. Economic justice for the farmer in legislation, financing, transportation, and the price of farm products as compared with the cost of machinery and other commodities which he must buy.

"12. Extension of the primary cultural opportunities and social services now enjoyed by urban populations to the farm family.

"13. Protection of the individual and society from the social, economic, and moral waste of any traffic in intoxicants and habit-forming drugs.

"14. Application of the Christian principle of redemption to the treatment of offenders; reform of penal and correctional methods and institutions, and of criminal court procedure.

"15. Justice, opportunity and equal rights for all; mutual goodwill and coöperation among racial, economic, and religious groups.

"16. Repudiation of war, drastic reduction of armaments, participation in international agencies for the peaceable settlement of all controversies; the building of a coöperative world order.

"17. Recognition and maintenance of the rights and responsibilities of free speech, free assembly, and a free press; the encouragement of free communication of mind with mind as essential to the discovery of truth."

The statement closes with an appeal for "A New Age of Faith," in part as follows:

"We may legitimately expect that the collective mind of the nation will be equal to the intellectual and administrative tasks involved, especially under the stress of critical social conditions, if the moral qualities required are present in sufficient power. What our people lack is neither material resources nor technical skill—these we have in superabundance—but a dedication to the common good, a courage and an unselfishness greater than are now manifest in American life. The tasks are beyond us and their accomplishment will be indefinitely delayed or frustrated, unless there can be a nation-wide spiritual awakening which has social goals. Our supreme social need is spiritual awakening.

"In our extremity, arising out of harrowing social conditions throughout the world, we therefore turn anew to Christ; for the faith of great endeavor, for an overwhelming disclosure of God in the life of humanity, for the dedication of innumerable individuals to the creation of a more Christian social order, and for the assurance that what needs to be done, with God's help can be done."

Deer Heads Federation Secretaries

At the Annual Meeting of the Association of Executive Secretaries of Councils of Churches (State and Local), held in Indianapolis, December 4-6, immediately preceding the meeting of the Federal Council, Rev. Irvin E. Deer, the executive of the Kansas City Council of Churches, was chosen president of the organization for the coming year.

Walter R. Mee, executive of the Chicago Church Federation, and W. L. Smithies, executive secretary of the Duluth Council, were elected vice-presidents, and Ralph C. McAfee, executive of the Detroit Council of Churches, was elected secretary-treasurer.

Dr. Deer is recognized as one of the outstanding leaders in interdenominational work in the country, having had a successful experience as the executive secretary of the councils of churches in Dayton, Ohio; Minneapolis, Minn.; and Kansas City, Mo.

Church Leaders Speak Out on World Peace

AN impressive Memorial on World Peace, addressed to the churches of the United States, was adopted at the Federal Council's Quadrennial Meeting. It is divided into two parts: I. Ideals, Attitudes, and Convictions; II. Practical Application to Concrete International Problems.

All the important affirmations in the first section are taken from one or another of the recent utterances of various Protestant bodies. The following quotations illustrate the viewpoint of this part of the Memorial:

"We believe that war is contrary to the spirit of Christ and incompatible with the Gospel of Love and Brotherhood which we profess. It is the most colossal and ruinous social sin that afflicts humanity. The methods used and the passions aroused by war outrage Christ's conception of a Kingdom of God in which men shall trust, love, forgive, and help one another.

"We hold that the agencies of our churches should never again be used in preparation for war, but *should* be used in the promotion of peace. The Church of Christ, as an institution, should not become an instrument for the fostering of international suspicion and hatred. It should not sanction war nor bless it. To support war is to deny the Gospel we profess to believe.

"God alone is Lord of the conscience. We hold, therefore, that citizenship should not be conditioned upon the willingness to bear arms, contrary to conscience, or to take part as a war combatant, in contradiction to moral convictions. We believe that to base citizenship upon such a test is not only unjust to the individual, but contrary to public welfare and in conflict with the ideals of a nation into whose very structure the principle of political and religious liberty has been built. Our country needs citizens who unswervingly follow the dictates of conscience, making allegiance to God the supreme guide to life and conduct. Since sixty-two nations have, in the Pact of Paris, renounced war and pledged themselves to seek only the methods of peace in the settlement of their controversies, applicants for citizenship should not be required to make pledges that conflict with the spirit and intent of this Pact. We recommend such changes in the present laws of the land that citizenship shall not be conditioned upon the willingness to bear arms."

REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS

Hearty support was given "to any definite program for reduction [of armaments], such as the proposal of the United States government which calls for a reduction of all armaments by approximately one-third, including the abolition of the so-called weapons of offense." The statement further said:

"We believe that for the sake of world justice and peace the nations which defined weapons of aggression when disarming Germany should accept for themselves the implications of that decision. They should agree to put an end to their armaments for aggression."

Approval was given to "the principle of international consultation, as stated by Secretary of State Stimson." The Council agreed with Mr. Stimson that "the Pact of Paris carries an implied and inevitable obligation for consultation among the signatory powers whenever war threatens." It was urged that careful study be given to

the policy of withholding recognition of "any situation, treaty, or agreement" brought about in violation of the Pact. The belief was expressed "that governments should adopt measures to withhold war materials and financial credits from treaty-breaking states and that a pledge to do this might well be formally incorporated in the law of the nations." The forthcoming World Economic Conference in the opinion of the Council should "boldly deal with *all* the economic issues that are causing international difficulty, suspicion, and hostility."

THE FAR EAST

"The Report of the Lytton Commission," the Memorial says, "is a new milestone in the development of international relations." The Christian people of China and Japan were urged to continue to press for a pacific solution of the difficulties now existing between the two countries. The citizens of the United States were urged "to exert themselves for the fulfillment of the pledges made by our government with respect to the Philippines. Our relations with the people of these Islands should be determined, not by policies of economic self-interest, but rather by considerations of justice and international goodwill."

THE WAR DEBTS

"In our approach to this question," the Memorial says, "our primary interest, as Christians, is to set free in the life of the nations the spirit of forgiveness and reconciliation, to which the Christian Gospel summons us and which is the supreme need of the world today. In the present world turmoil and distress the Christian Church must lay especial stress upon its teachings of the oneness of the human family and the interdependence of the nations. True patriotism will seek the well-being of one's own nation through that of mankind as a whole. The solution of the war debt problems, therefore, is a matter of vital interest to the churches. It involves principles of right and justice and vitally affects the welfare of millions now living and the destiny of millions yet unborn.

"What the nations urgently need today is the restoration of hope, mutual confidence, and the revival of the currents of trade and industry. For this, we believe that a revision downward of the debts to the United States is essential. This new settlement should be accompanied by general measures by the various nations for the reduction of armaments."

PRIVATE MANUFACTURE OF ARMS

The Federal Council subscribed to the conviction that "the manufacture by private enterprise of munitions and implements of war is open to grave objections." "It is obvious," says the Memorial, "that the world cannot be effectively organized for peace until this private traffic in arms, credits, and sinews of war has been brought under strict control." It was recommended that the disarmament treaty to be negotiated at Geneva provide "for the rigid control of this traffic and that the United States should find a constitutional way to participate in such control."

First Wisconsin Ministers' Convocation

NOTHING HAS HAPPENED in the religious life of Wisconsin for many years which has contributed so vitally to the quickening and strengthening of the spirit of goodwill and partnership in the Kingdom of God as the First Wisconsin Convocation of Ministers, held in Milwaukee, November 28-30, under the auspices of the Wisconsin Home Missions Council.

The theme, "Remembering Jesus Christ," proved a happy selection. Subdivisions of this general theme were treated, as follows:

"Remembering Jesus Christ in the Relation of Town and Country."

"Remembering Jesus Christ in His Personal Life and Public Ministry."

"Remembering Jesus Christ in Our Educational Ministry."

"Remembering Jesus Christ in Relation to the Troubled World He Came to Save."

"Remembering Jesus Christ in His Church."

"Remembering Jesus Christ in Our Evangelism."

We were exceedingly fortunate, thanks to the help of Dr. Roy B. Guild, in the corps of speakers. Dr. William R. King, Dr. Hermann N. Morse, and Dr. George Dowey, all associated with the National Home Missions Council, and Bishop F. J. McConnell, James Myers, and Dr. Jesse M. Bader, from the Federal Council, rendered service of high quality. Other speakers were Prof. A. E. Holt, Prof. Norman E. Richardson, and Dr. William H. Boddy. Dr. Phillips E. Osgood, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Minneapolis, served as chaplain and gave four addresses of spiritual insight and power.

The surprise visit by Dr. S. Parkes Cadman was a delight to all and his plea for united devotion to Christ captured all hearts.

In response to a unanimous request by the ministers present, the Home Missions Council voted to hold another convocation next year and the Milwaukee Council followed with a pledge of its continued coöperation.

E. LEROY DAKIN

COMING STATE CONVOCATIONS

The following state convocations of ministers are to be held during the next two months:

Indiana—Indianapolis, Jan. 16-18.

Kansas—Topeka, Jan. 16-18.

Minnesota—St. Paul, Jan. 16-18.

Nebraska—Lincoln, Jan. 16-18.

Iowa—Des Moines, Jan. 18, 19.

Pennsylvania—Harrisburg, Jan. 30, 31.

Ohio—Columbus, Jan. 30-Feb. 2.

Missouri—Sedalia, Feb. 6-8.

Oregon—Portland, Feb. 14.

Illinois—Springfield, Feb. 20, 21.

Oklahoma—Norman, Feb. 23 (with Council of Religious Education, Feb. 24, 25).

New York State held a convocation at Syracuse, November 14-16.

Race Relations Sunday, February 12

Race Relations Sunday, the observance of which is promoted by the Federal Council's Department of Race Relations and which falls on February 12 this year, is attracting attention in many parts of the country. The practice of exchange of pulpits between white and Negro ministers has come to be one of the important features of the observance. Special literature has been prepared with practical suggestions as to how the ideal of interracial understanding and coöperation can be furthered through the educational activities of all departments of the Church, including young people's societies, women's groups, and the Sunday school. The packet of leaflets can be had at four cents plus postage; \$2.50 per hundred.

City Church Conference Great Success

The Conference on the Church and the City in the Present Crisis, held in Chicago November 29-December 2, under the auspices of the Home Missions Council and Council of Women for Home Missions, with the coöperation of the Chicago Federation of Churches and the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, was one of the most significant meetings of the past year.

The attendance of around five hundred, including leading representatives of the denominations constituent to the Councils from all parts of the country, was a remarkable showing in these days of "depression."

The program was of an unusually high order. The addresses preceding each discussion period were most challenging and provocative of thought. Following these addresses, the conference fell apart into four groups, where the main themes were discussed from the points of view of the local city church, the family life of the city, the new Americans in the city, and city church strategy.

The findings, consisting of about 6,000 words, together with outlines of the main addresses, constitute a valuable document. These have been printed and can be secured from the Home Missions Council (105 East 22nd Street, New York) for ten cents.

The editorial in this issue, entitled "The City Church Takes a Self-Examination" (for which the BULLETIN is indebted to Rev. Irvin E. Deer, Executive Secretary of the Kansas City Council of Churches) gives an illuminating interpretation of the conference.

AMONG THE BEST NEW BOOKS

Contemporary American Theology

Edited by VERGILIUS FERM

Round Table Press, New York. \$3.00

This series of "theological autobiographies" ranges far and wide between theological extremes, from Shirley J. Case and Henry N. Wieman to J. Gresham Machen. The editor calls attention to the fact that "denominational classifications no longer classify," and that leaders of thought are considered as modernists, fundamentalists, liberals, or conservatives. A reading of these personal sketches, however, does not always make it clear just how each of these exponents of theology would be classified. There are occasional approaches to both humanism and Barthianism, but generally speaking these personalities are somewhere midway between. There is a good deal of emphasis throughout the volume on religious experience and there are evidences that the influence of Schleiermacher and Ritschl is retained or revived, even when modified.

In some cases these sketches are little more than autobiographical, but they shed light upon the theological views of the writers. The volume is an interesting and informing study in personality and in the influences and experiences which so largely determine the thinking of men. Personal experience as well as academic study is seen to play a very large part in the determining of philosophies.

For the most part, these leaders of modern thought are irenic and constructive, the outstanding exception being Professor Machen, whose contribution is a sort of *apologia pro vita sua*, interpreting his part in recent controversy at Princeton Seminary. He believes that controversy is essential to the proclamation of Christian truth. Indeed he tells us that a revival of religion "that does not stir up controversy is sure to be a sham revival, not a real one."

The subjects under which these authors write include: Higher Criticism, Religion as Truth, From Philosophy to Theology, Mysticism, and Theocentric Religion. Other writers than those above mentioned are Benjamin W. Bacon, Edgar S. Brightman, John W. Buckham, W. E. Garrison, Walter M. Horton, Rufus M. Jones, Albert C. Knudson, Douglas C. Macintosh, and Ernest F. Scott. They give us important

light on the trends of modern thinking and lend some support to a recent proposal that all writers who present views of truth and life should introduce their works by a life sketch in order that their readers may interpret them in its light. C. S. M.

The Spirit of World Politics

By WILLIAM ERNEST HOCKING

Macmillan. \$5.00

This is a notable volume by a philosopher, a student of nations, and a Christian. The central theme is the relationships between strong nations and backward peoples. It deals as much with the ethical as with the political principles involved. Hocking finds that politics are shot through with moral issues. His credo, he declares in the preface: "My essential ethical conviction remains the same, but with an added confidence that we are bound, even in the interplay of world forces, to get and apply standards of right and wrong, so far as these forces work through our agencies. . . ." I am hostile "to the pernicious theory that government has nothing to do with ethics or with general culture."

In pursuing this central theme, Hocking is not a closet philosopher. He grapples realistically with modern imperialism, represented by England and France in Egypt and the Levant, and he makes a searching critique of the mandates system as exhibited especially in Syria and Palestine.

The volume, therefore, should be of value to a wide variety of serious minds, to statesmen, to officials of mandates and colonies, to students of politics, of ethics, and of missions. GALEN M. FISHER.

Moral Progress

By JOHN H. STODDY

Evangelical Press, Harrisburg, Pa. \$1.75

Long a student of the reform movement, the author analyzes in this volume the divine and human agencies in moral progress as well as the political and educational aspects of the moral crusade for a better world.

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W. W. V. K.

The Religious Situation

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Translated by H. Richard Niebuhr

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Another effort to interpret the thought and life of the twentieth century. We are witnessing, not a decline of the West, as Spengler asserts, but a wide-spread revolt against capitalist society, considered not only in economic organization, but as a culture, fundamentally religious in nature.

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By PERCY ELLIOTT LINDLEY

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The Professor of Religious Education at High Point College endeavors, from a few accepted principles of life, to reveal the relation of institutional health to the fundamentals of human nature, leading us into many realms of human experience, into which the Church and religion must find their way. It is a good book, especially for young people.

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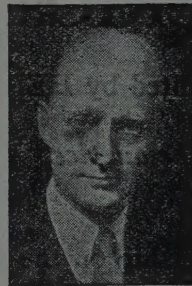
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